Proposed Amendment Rule Summaries December 2014

Proposed Amendments

Summary of Proposed Amendment 1: Rule 211.3

• The proposed amendment removes the commission website address.

§ 211.3. Public Information.

- (a) All commission rules are published in the Texas Register as they are proposed and adopted.
- (b) The commission will index, maintain, and make available for public inspection at the Austin headquarters a copy of:
 - (1) the current rules;
 - (2) all interpretive memoranda, policies, and procedures; and
 - (3) all final orders, decisions, and opinions of the commission.
- (c) Members of the public may obtain:
 - (1) copies of the rules and other documents published by the commission at the cost recovery rate established in the fee schedule for printed documents which is available upon request from the commission;
 - (2) the rules and many other documents published by the commission are also available free of charge on the commission website:

 www.tcleose.state.tx.us;
 - (3) unpublished materials available under the Public Information Act at the rate established by the Texas Facilities Commission for such materials; and
 - (4) the jurisdictional complaint process, including:
 - (A) complaint intake;
 - (B) investigation;
 - (C) adjudication and relevant hearings;
 - (D) appeals;
 - (E) the imposition of sanctions; and
 - (F) public disclosure.
- (d) The effective date of this section is May 1, 2015 January 14, 2010.

Summary of Proposed Amendment 2: Rule 221.43

• The proposed new rule adds a special weapons and tactics proficiency certificate.

Chapter 221: Proficiency Certificates

§ 221.43. Special Weapons and Tactics Proficiency.

- (a) To qualify for a special weapons and tactics proficiency certificate, an applicant must meet all proficiency requirements including:
 - (1) successful completion of an approved course; and
 - (2) certification from the appointing chief administrator as a special weapons and tactics unit member.
- (b) To qualify for an intermediate special weapons and tactics proficiency certificate, an applicant must meet all proficiency requirements including:
 - (1) basic special weapons and tactics certification;
 - (2) at least two years experience on a special weapons and tactics unit; and
 - (3) 240 hours of training after the basic certificate.
- (c) To qualify for an advanced special weapons and tactics proficiency certificate, an applicant must meet all proficiency requirements including:
 - (1) intermediate special weapons and tactics certificate;
 - (2) at least four years experience in special weapons and tactics; and
 - (3) successful completion of courses required by the commission.
- (d) A certificate is valid for two years.
- (e) To keep the certificate valid, the holder must successfully complete an update course once every two years.
- (f) If the certificate becomes invalid, a holder may obtain a new certificate under the application standards in this section.
 - (g) The effective date of this section is May 1, 2015.

Summary of Proposed Amendment 3: Rule 221.45

• The proposed new rule adds a school resource officer proficiency certificate.

§ 221.45 School Resource Officer Proficiency.

- (a) To qualify for a school resource officer proficiency certificate, an applicant must meet all proficiency requirements including:
 - (1) successful completion of an approved school resource officer course; and
 - (2) certification from the appointing chief administrator as a school resource officer.
- (b) A certificate is valid for two years.

- (c) To keep the certificate valid, the holder must successfully complete an update course once every two years.
- (d) If the certificate becomes invalid, a holder may obtain a new certificate under the application standards in this section.
- (e) The effective date of this section is May 1, 2015.

Summary of Proposed Amendment 4: Rule 221.47

• The proposed new rule adds a canine officer proficiency certificate.

§ 221.47 Canine Officer Proficiency.

- (a) To qualify for a canine officer certificate, an applicant must meet all proficiency requirements including:
 - (1) successful completion of an approved canine officer course; and
 - (2) certification from the appointing chief administrator as a canine officer.
- (b) A certificate is valid for two years.
- (c) To keep the certificate valid, the holder must successfully complete an update course once every two years.
- (d) If the certificate becomes invalid, a holder may obtain a new certificate under the application standards in this section.
- (e) The effective date of this section is May 1, 2015.